(a) whether Government propose to do away with the reservation in the trains during day time in order to provide more general compartments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a lot of resentment among the public on this proposal; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Prakash Narain Committee Report on railway accidents

600. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prakash Narain Committee Report on accidents has been gathering dust with little implementation;

(b) if so, what were the main recommendations of the Prakash Narain Committee; and

(c) what action has, so far, been taken thereon, what remains to be implemented and what further action is proposed to be taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) There was no Prakash Narain Committee on railway accidents. However, a National Transportation Safety Board had been set up in 1987 under the Cabinet Secretariat, with the main objective of bringing about improvements in safety in different transport sectors like Railways, Civil Aviation, Road Transport etc. This Board was wound up with effect from 1st April, 1990. Shri Prakash Narain was the Chairman of National Transportation Safety Board.

After winding up the National Transportation Safety Board, some recommendations pertaining to Railways were communicated to the Ministry of Railways on which action as warranted was taken.